Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An in-line roller skate comprising:

a boot for receiving the foot of a user, the boot including a heel portion, a toe portion and a bottom portion;

an outsole disposed along the bottom portion of the boot;

a chassis including a pair of elongated, parallel frames attached to the bottom portion of the skate;

a plurality of wheels mounted on said chassis between said pair of frames, said frames having opposed front and rear ends and wherein said frames are free of any connecting structure connected at said front ends only by an axle of one of said wheels; and

a recess disposed in the outsole of the boot; and boot, and wherein

a plurality of wheels mounted on said chassis, at least one of said plurality of wheels being partially recessed within said recess of said outsole.

- 2. (previously presented) The in-line roller skate of claim 1, wherein said recess is located in the outsole at the toe portion of the boot.
- 3. (original) The in-line roller skate of claim 2, further comprising a first wheel mounted on the chassis at the toe portion of the boot.
- 4. (original) The in-line roller skate of claim 3, wherein said first wheel is partially disposed within said recess.
- 5. (original) The in-line roller skate of claim 3, further comprising a second wheel mounted on the chassis behind the first wheel.
- 6. (original) The in-line roller skate of claim 5, wherein both said first and second wheels partially extend into said recess.
- 7. (original) The in-line roller skate of claim 5, wherein said second wheel is partially disposed within said recess.

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- 8. (original) The in-line roller skate of claim 1, wherein said plurality of wheels have the same size diameter.
- 9. (new) An in-line roller skate comprising:

a boot for receiving the foot of a user, the boot including a heel portion, a toe portion and a bottom portion;

an outsole disposed along the bottom portion of the boot, said outsole including a toe located below said toe portion;

a chassis including a pair of elongated, parallel frames attached to the bottom portion of the skate, said frames having opposed front and rear ends;

a plurality of wheels mounted on said chassis, wherein the front ends of said pair of frames are connected together by only an axle of at least one of said wheels;

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a recess disposed in the outsole of the boot at said toe; and

at least one of said plurality of wheels being disposed below said recess of said outsole.

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